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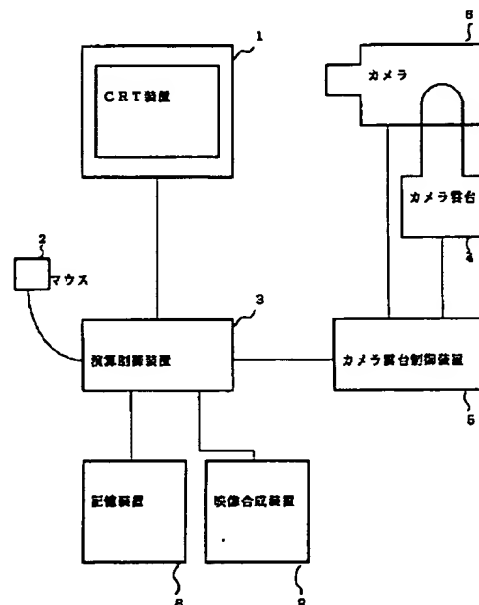
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(54)【発明の名称】 地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置

(57)【要約】

【構成】 カメラ6の撮影映像と対象物及びその付近の地図情報を同一CRT装置1上に表示させ、地域情報入力手段2により地図上からカメラ制御をおこなったり、カメラ制御情報(パン、チルト、ズーム)をカメラ雲台制御装置から入手しこれに連動させて該当地域や異縮尺の地図を記憶装置8から検索表示したり、同様にカメラ制御情報からカメラ撮影範囲を地図上に表示させたり、カメラ6の撮影映像を地域情報入力手段2により指示することで特定地域情報をCRT装置1上に表示させたりすることを演算制御装置3を中心とした構成で実現する。

【効果】 カメラ位置が地図上で把握できると共に、カメラレンズのズーム比に合わせて地図の縮尺を可変表示し、カメラ撮像映像の地域情報を同一CRT上に表示できる。



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| 1 CRT装置 | 5 カメラ雲台制御装置 |
| 2 地域情報入力手段(マウス) | 6 カメラ |
| 3 演算制御装置 | 8 記憶装置 |
| 4 カメラ雲台 | 9 映像合成装置 |

【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 監視カメラと、上記監視カメラをカメラ制御情報に基づいて制御するカメラ制御装置と、地域情報と地図情報を記憶する記憶装置と、記憶装置に記憶された地域情報と地図情報に基づくコンピュータ画像を上記監視カメラの撮影映像と合成する映像合成装置と、上記映像合成装置により合成された合成画像を表示する表示装置と、地図上の特定箇所を入力する地域情報入力手段と、上記監視カメラと上記カメラ制御装置と上記表示装置と上記地域情報入力手段と上記記憶装置が接続された演算制御装置から構成されることを特徴とする地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置。

【請求項2】 監視カメラと、上記監視カメラをカメラ制御情報に基づいて制御するカメラ制御装置と、地図情報を記憶する記憶装置と、上記地図情報に基づく上記監視カメラが撮影している場所の地図及び上記監視カメラの撮影映像を表示する表示装置と、地図上の特定箇所を入力する地域情報入力手段と、上記監視カメラと上記カメラ制御装置と上記表示装置と上記地域情報入力手段と上記記憶装置が接続された演算制御装置から構成され、地図上の特定箇所を上記地域情報入力手段で指示することにより、指示された特定箇所を上記監視カメラが予め定められた撮影画面の大きさ（ズーム比）で撮影出来るように、上記演算制御装置が上記監視カメラのズーム比を演算しこれらをカメラ制御情報として上記カメラ制御装置に送信し上記監視カメラを制御することを特徴とする地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置。

【請求項3】 上記演算制御装置は、さらに、カメラ制御情報を基に記憶装置に記憶された地図情報に基づいてズーム比に応じた適当な縮尺の地図を上記表示装置上に表示することを特徴とする請求項1記載の地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置。

【請求項4】 監視カメラと、上記監視カメラをカメラ制御情報に基づいて制御するカメラ制御装置と、地図情報を記憶する記憶装置と、上記地図情報に基づく上記監視カメラが撮影している場所の地図及び上記監視カメラの撮影映像を表示する表示装置と、地図上の特定箇所を入力する地域情報入力手段と、上記監視カメラと上記カメラ制御装置と上記表示装置と上記地域情報入力手段と上記記憶装置が接続された演算制御装置から構成され、演算制御装置は、上記監視カメラの撮影範囲を演算し、演算された撮影範囲を示すマークを表示装置に表示された地図上に表示することを特徴とする地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置。

【請求項5】 監視カメラと、上記監視カメラを制御するカメラ制御装置と、地図情報及び地図情報に関連付けされた地域情報を記憶する記憶装置と、上記地図情報に基づき上記監視カメラが撮影している場所の地図及び上記監視カメラの撮影映像を表示する表示装置と、上記地域情報を入力する地域情報入力手段と、上記監視カメラ

と上記カメラ制御装置と上記表示装置と上記地域情報入力手段と上記記憶装置が接続された演算制御装置から構成され、上記記憶装置に記憶された上記地域情報を上記地域情報入力手段にて入力することにより、上記演算制御装置が、入力された地域情報に基づいて、上記記憶装置から関連付けされた地図情報を検索し、検索された地図情報に基づく地図あるいは、撮影映像を上記表示装置上に表示することを特徴とする地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置。

【請求項6】 上記地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置はさらに、地域情報を表示装置に表示することを特徴とする地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【産業上の利用分野】本発明は、公共建造物（例えば道路、ダム、河川）の監視カメラや、市街地を監視する望遠カメラにカメラ制御情報を入力する場合や、撮影画像から該当撮影場所の地図を検索する場合や、地図上にカメラ撮影範囲を示すマークを表示する場合及びカメラ撮影映像から特定地域情報を表示出力する場合等に適用される監視カメラ制御装置に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】図15及び図16は特開平4-169913号公報に示された従来のカメラ制御装置を示す構成図及び制御アルゴリズムである。図において1は対象物及びその付近のデジタル地図を表示するモニタ装置、2はモニタ装置の表示面に設置され地図上の位置を指示されたら該当する座標信号を出力するタッチパネル、3はタッチパネルからの座標信号からカメラの指向方向を計算するための計算器、4はカメラを支えるカメラ雲台、5はカメラ雲台を制御するカメラ雲台制御装置、6はカメラ、7はカメラ撮影映像表示用モニタ装置である。

【0003】次に動作について説明する。オペレータがモニタ装置1の表示面に表示されたデジタル地図を見て、表示面を押すことによりカメラを向きたい所望の位置を指定すると、タッチパネル2から座標信号が計算器3に入力される。計算器3は入力座標信号によりカメラ6の指向方向角度との偏差信号をカメラ雲台制御装置5へ送る。カメラ雲台制御装置5は入力に応じてカメラ雲台4を制御しカメラ6を上記指定された位置に向けるように制御する。

【0004】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】従来のカメラ制御装置は以上のように構成されているのでモニタ上に表示された地図情報からカメラの指向方向（パン、チルト）を計算しカメラを制御するのみであった。この方法では常に地図からしかカメラ制御ができないため監視カメラを制御しようとしても先に肉眼で大凡の対象物位置を知り、モニタ上に表示された地図情報から対象物位置が分らなければカメラ操作ができなかった。また、地

図を表示する際、異なる縮尺地図の利用を考慮していないため、カメラ制御ではズーム機能に伴う地図連動制御ができなかった。このように、撮影画像の拡大比率に関係なく表示地図は一定縮尺であるため撮影対象物及びその付近の地図が見つらなかった。また、現状のカメラ指向角度から関係する地図の表示機能を考慮していないため、カメラが地図上でどちらを撮影しているのかが不明となってしまう。また、カメラ撮影範囲や撮影映像内の特定地域の情報も得ることができず、さらに、また地図表示と撮影画像が同一CRT上でなく別々のCRTまたはモニタに表示されるため見つらなくなるなどの問題点があった。

【0005】本発明は上記のような問題点を解消するためになされたものでカメラ位置が地図上で把握できると共に、カメラレンズのズーム比に合わせて地図の縮尺を可変表示し、1台のCRTモニタ上にカメラ位置を記した地図表示とカメラの撮影映像を同時表示し、カメラ撮影映像を地域情報からCRT上に表示できる装置を得ることを目的としている。

【0006】

【課題を解決するための手段】本発明に係わる地図情報連動カメラ制御装置は、監視カメラと、上記カメラの指向方向（パン、チルト）及びズームレンズのズーム比、フォーカスなどを制御するカメラ雲台制御装置と、コンピュータ画像とカメラ撮影映像とを合成する映像合成装置と、同一表示面上に上記監視カメラの対象物及びその付近の地図及び上記監視カメラの撮影映像を同時表示するCRT装置、地域情報を入力する手段、異なる縮尺の地図情報及び地域情報を記憶・蓄積・再生する記憶装置、上記監視カメラと上記カメラ雲台制御装置と上記映像合成装置と上記CRT装置と上記地域情報入力手段と上記記憶装置が接続された演算制御装置から構成され、上記CRT装置が上記映像合成装置により、合成された合成映像を表示することを特徴とする。

【0007】また、上記CRT装置上に表示された地図上の特定箇所を上記地域情報入力手段で指示することにより上記CRT装置上の指示位置から実際の上記監視カメラの指向方向（パン、チルト）と予め定められた撮影画面の大きさ（ズーム比）で撮影が出来るように上記監視カメラのズーム比やフォーカス値を演算しこれらをカメラ制御情報（パン、チルト、ズーム比など）として上記カメラ雲台制御装置に送信し上記監視カメラを制御することを特徴とする。

【0008】また、上記カメラ雲台制御装置から受信したカメラ制御情報（パン、チルト、ズーム比など）を基に現在撮影されている対象物及びその付近の地図でズーム比に応じた適当な縮尺の地図情報を上記記憶装置から検索し上記CRT装置上に表示することを特徴とする。

【0009】また、上記監視カメラの撮影範囲を示すマークを地図情報上に表示することを特徴とする。

【0010】また、上記CRT装置上に表示された上記監視カメラ撮影映像の特定箇所あるいは地域情報を上記地域情報入力手段にて指示することにより、上記演算制御装置が、指示された地域情報に基づいて、上記記憶装置から関連付けされた地図情報を検索し、検索された地図情報に基づく地図あるいは撮影映像を上記表示装置上に表示することを特徴とする。

【0011】また、指示された箇所の地域情報を上記CRT装置上に表示することを特徴とする。

【0012】

【作用】この発明に係る地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置は、映像合成装置により地図情報とカメラ撮影映像を合成し、カメラ制御情報（パン、チルト、ズームレンズ比等）を基に地図情報とカメラ撮影映像を1台のCRT装置上に表示する。また、地図上での指示位置に応じてカメラの指向方向、ズームレンズ比を制御する。また、地図表示に際しては記憶手段が記憶された地図情報に基づきズームレンズ比に合わせて最適な縮尺の地図情報を検索して表示する。また、地図上にカメラの撮影範囲を表示する。また、カメラ撮影映像の特定位置あるいは、住所及び電話番号等の地域情報を入力することにより、指定された場所の地図を表示する。また、地図の表示に加えて特定地域情報を表示する。

【0013】

【実施例】実施例1. 以下、本発明の一実施例を図について説明する。図1においては図15の対応する部分には同一符号を付しており、機能的に同程度であるものは説明を省略する。

【0014】図1において、2はCRT装置1上の地図表示やカメラ撮影映像の特定位置を入力する地域情報入力手段であり、本実施例ではマウス、3はカメラ6の制御値を計算したり、カメラ6の現在指向角度やズームレンズ比から該当する地図情報を検索表示したり、特定地域情報の検索表示を行う演算制御装置、6はズームレンズ付きのカメラ、8は異なる縮尺の地図情報データや特定地域情報を蓄積した記憶装置、9は地図情報等のコンピュータ画像とカメラ撮影映像を同一画面上に表示させる映像合成装置である。

【0015】図2は図16に相当するカメラ制御アルゴリズムである。

【0016】図3はカメラの撮影映像から撮影地点の位置を特定する方法を説明する参考図であり、カメラ装置を水平方向から見た図である。

【0017】図4はカメラの撮影映像から撮影地点の位置を特定する方法を説明する参考図であり、カメラ装置を鉛直方向から見た図である。

【0018】図5はカメラの撮影映像から特定地域情報を検索するためのアルゴリズムである。

【0019】また図6、図7、図8、図9は本発明の詳細を説明する図であり、これらの図において図6はCR

T装置1の基本画面であり、11は表示枠、12は地図情報の表示枠、13はカメラ撮影映像の表示枠、14は地域情報の表示枠、15はカメラの制御表示枠、16は地図表示上のカメラ設置位置、17は地図表示上のカメラの撮影範囲を示す境界線、18、29、20は地図表示またはカメラ撮影映像上でマウス2で指示された位置を示す。

【0020】次に動作について説明する。カメラ6はカメラ雲台と一体化して固定設置されており、外部からの指令により一般に下記のような各種制御が可能となっている。カメラ水平角度（パン）、カメラ垂直角度（チルト）、ズーム等。尚カメラにはその他に焦点、絞り、結露防止ヒータ、ワイパー等の制御も可能であるが、本発明と無関係のためこれらの説明を省略する。

【0021】図2は、この実施例に基づくカメラ制御アルゴリズムを示すフローチャートである。この実施例においては演算制御装置3はカメラ雲台制御装置5から、定期的にカメラの状態を入力する。演算制御装置3はカメラを制御するためにカメラ制御情報（パン、チルト、ズーム比など）を演算してカメラ雲台制御装置5に送信することにより、カメラを制御することが可能であるが、カメラ自身及びカメラ雲台制御装置自身がカメラ制御情報を発生したり、あるいは演算制御装置3から送られたカメラ制御情報に基づいて動作するという場合が存在する。従って、カメラ制御装置3はカメラ雲台制御装置5から定期的にあるいは任意の時間でカメラ雲台制御装置からカメラの現在の状態をチェックする。図2に示したフローチャートは演算制御装置がカメラ雲台制御装置からカメラの状態を入力するたびに実行されるものである。

【0022】先ずS1において、カメラ雲台制御装置5からカメラの現在の指向方向及びズームレンズ比の数値を演算制御装置3が入力する。次に演算制御装置3はS2において、マウス等の地域情報入力手段2を用いてオペレーターがCRT装置値に表示された地図上からのカメラ制御指示があるかどうかをチェックする。もし、マウス等により地図上の特定箇所が指定された場合には、S3において、指定された特定箇所に基づく制御指示の値と、S1においてカメラ雲台制御装置5から入力したカメラの現在の指向方向、及びズームレンズ比の偏差数値を演算する。

【0023】次にS4においては、演算制御装置3は、演算して求められた偏差数値に基づきカメラの指向方向及びズームレンズ比の移動量をカメラ雲台制御装置5に送出する。カメラ雲台制御装置5は演算制御装置3からこれらのカメラ制御情報を受信し、指定された状態にカメラを制御する。前述したS2において、マウス等からカメラ制御指示がなかった場合には、S5において演算制御装置3は予め記憶しておいた前回のカメラの指向方向及びズームレンズ比の数値と今回の数値との変化をチ

ェックする。前回の数値と今回の数値に変化がある場合には、S6において、指向方向とズームレンズ比の偏差数値を演算する。そしてS7において、演算された偏差数値を基に、記憶装置に記憶された地図情報を検索し、検索した地図情報から地図をCRT装置に表示する。

【0024】このようにS5からS7のステップを経ることにより、CRT装置にはカメラが撮影している最新の映像に関する地図情報が表示されることになる。

【0025】前述したS5において、前回の数値と今回の数値に変化がない場合には、カメラは同一場所を撮影していることになるため、S8においてCRT装置の表示内容はそのままであり、同一地図情報が表示され続ける。

【0026】操作者は演算制御装置3に接続されるマウス2とCRT1を使用して操作を行う。図6はCRT装置1の基本画面であり、各種表示枠はそれに該当する機能が必要なときに表示されこの表示制御は演算制御装置3により行われる。

【0027】図7は図6の基本画面に具体的な表示内容を記した画面である。図7において12は地図情報の表示枠であり、地図上にはカメラ設置位置16やカメラの撮影範囲17を示す境界線、これに現在のカメラが撮影しているビデオ映像が表示された表示枠13が表示された画面例である。同一画面上に地図情報等のコンピュータ画像とビデオ映像を表示する機能は映像合成装置9にて行っている。

【0028】この図においてカメラ設置位置16はカメラが固定設置であるため、予め演算制御装置3に登録することにより地図上表示を行う。またカメラの撮影範囲17を示す境界線はカメラのカメラ水平角度（パン）、カメラ垂直角度（チルト）、ズーム、を示す情報をカメラ雲台制御装置5から入力し、これと予め登録されているカメラの設置高度値及び表示地図の縮尺から計算し表示を行う。このカメラの撮影範囲17を示す境界線はコンピュータ画像として生成され、映像合成装置9にて他の地図情報等のコンピュータ画像とともに同一画面上に表示される。

【0029】図7において操作者は、地図上で現在のカメラの指向方向とズーム比に応じた地図表示及びカメラ撮影範囲を示す境界線17及びカメラ撮影映像を同一CRT装置1上に得ることができる。図7は任意地点18を中心にしたCRT画面例であるため、任意地点18から任意地点19にカメラ制御する場合について以下に説明する。

【0030】図7において、マウス2により地図上の任意位置19を指示することにより、演算制御装置3では、マウス2から入力されるCRT座標位置をもとにカメラの現在指向方向との偏位及び任意位置19の周辺が把握できるようなカメラズーム比を計算し、これをカメラ雲台制御装置に渡しカメラ6及びカメラ雲台4を制御

し任意位置 19 及びその周辺の撮影映像が得られるようにする。同時にカメラズーム比により適当な縮尺の地図を検索し CRT 装置 1 上に表示させる。また新しく任意地点 19 に対応したカメラのカメラ水平角度（パン）、カメラ垂直角度（チルト）、ズーム情報及びこれと予め登録されているカメラの設置高度値及び表示地図の縮尺からカメラの撮影範囲 17 を示す境界線を計算し新しく検索表示した地図上に表示させる。この処理を行った結果の CRT 画面例が図 8 である。

【0031】図 8 はカメラの制御表示枠 15 も同時表示された例である。このカメラの制御表示枠 15 を利用してカメラ 6 を地図位置を指示することなく制御することも可能である。例えばカメラの制御表示枠 15 のパンの「左」をマウス 2 で指示することにより、演算制御装置 3 ではカメラ 6 を左方向に回転させる制御信号をカメラ雲台制御装置 5 に渡す。その他のカメラ設置位置 16 やカメラの撮影範囲 17 を示す境界線は前記に説明した通りである。このとき、カメラの撮影範囲が現在表示中の地図上に表示できなくなれば、記憶装置 3 から適当な地図情報を検索表示しこの地図上でカメラ設置位置 16 やカメラの撮影範囲 17 を再計算し表示する。

【0032】図 9 はカメラ撮影映像表示枠 13 の映像上の任意地点 20 を指示することにより、この地点に登録された地域情報を地域情報の表示枠 14 に表示した画面例である。以下この表示機能の詳細を説明する。カメラ撮影映像表示枠 13 の任意地点 20 は CRT 装置 1 上の座標で演算表示装置 3 に入力される。演算表示装置ではカメラのパン、チルト角、ズームレンズ比から現在表示され且つマウス 2 で指定した地点の座標（例えばカメラ設置位置 16 を中心にした角度と距離）を図 5 のアルゴリズムにより求め、この座標をもとに予め登録してある特定地域情報を検索し CRT 装置 1 に表示させる。図 5 はカメラ設置位置を中心とした角度、距離を求めることにより、これを検索キーとして特定地域情報を求めるためのアルゴリズムであり、カメラ撮影画面の中央点の地図上での位置を演算後にマウスで指定された位置の角度、距離を演算する方式を説明している。図 3、図 4 はカメラ撮影画面の中央点の地図上位置を演算するための参考図であり、カメラの設置高度、パン、チルト角、ズームレンズ比で中央点が演算可能であることを示している。

【0033】次に図 5 のフローチャートにもとづいて、前述した図 2 の S3 におけるマウス等の特定箇所の指示があった場合に行われる現在の指向方法の偏差数値の演算方法について説明する。図 5 のフローチャートは偏差数値の演算に加えて、特定地域情報を検索する方法についても述べており、ここで両者を合わせて説明する。

【0034】図 5 の S10 において予め記憶装置にカメラ設置位置を起点として、距離 L と方位 θ ごとに特定地域情報を記録しておく。図 10 は記憶装置に記憶された

特定地域情報の一例を示す図である。特定地域情報としては、町の名前、山の名前、川の名前、ビルの名前、タワーの名前等の地域情報が記録されており、これらの地域情報が存在する位置を示すために、カメラ設置位置を起点とした距離 L と方位 θ がそれぞれ記録されている。このように、図 10 に示す特定地域情報が記録装置に記録された状態で図 9 に示したように、任意地点 20 が指示された場合について説明する。

【0035】まず、S11 において、現在のカメラの画面中央点を演算する。図 11 はこの動作を示す図であり、点 B が現在のカメラの中央点であるものと仮定する。この中央点 B は座標軸上で $X1$ 、 $Y1$ という座標を有しているものとする。カメラのパン、チルト角からカメラの撮影映像画面中央点の地図上での距離 $L1$ と方位 $\theta1$ が中央点を示す値として求められる。次に S12 において、指定された任意地点の座標入力値とカメラ撮影画面中央点の座標値偏差を演算する。図 11 において、点 C をマウスにより指定された任意地点 20 と仮定する。この点 C のマウス座標入力値を $X2$ 、 $Y2$ とする。従って、マウス座標入力値とカメラ撮影画面中央点の座標値はそれぞれ $X1$ 、 $Y1$ 及び $X2$ 、 $Y2$ となり、それぞれの偏差は $X1 - X2$ 、及び $Y1 - Y2$ により求められる。次に S13 において、求めた座標値偏差を基にマウス入力された箇所とカメラ撮影画面中央点の地図上での距離偏差 PL を演算する。 PL は図 11 (b) に示すように、 X 座標の差の絶対値の 2 乗と Y 座標の差の絶対値の 2 乗の平方根により求められる。次に S14 において前述した画像画面中央点の距離 $L1$ と方位 $\theta1$ 及び距離偏差 PL からマウス入力された箇所の $L2$ と方位 $\theta2$ を演算する。次に S15 において、求められた任意地点 C の距離 $L2$ および方位 $\theta2$ を基に図 10 に示した特定地域情報を検索する。検索する場合には、距離 $L2$ 及び方位 $\theta2$ に最も近い値を持つ特定地域情報が検索され、CRT 装置に表示される。例えば、図 11 における距離 $L2$ 及び方位 $\theta2$ が図 10 における距離 LA 及び方位 θA に最も近いことが判定された場合には、図 9 の 14 に示すように、特定地域情報として $\bigcirc\bigcirc$ 町付近、 $\triangle\triangle$ 山という特定地域情報が表示される。

【0036】実施例 2. 次に、図 12 に他の実施例の構成を示す。図 12 に示される実施例は地域情報入力手段に関して図 1 で示したマウスの代替としてキーボードを付加したものである。キーボードからは CRT 装置 1 上の特定位置をカーソルを移動させることで指示可能である。また地域情報例えば住所や電話番号等の文字データを演算制御装置 3 に入力することが可能である。実施例 1 では、カーソル座標位置を入力する場合を示したが、住所や電話番号等のデータからカメラの指向方向やズームを制御させることも可能である。

【0037】図 13 はこの実施例による地域情報の一例を示す図である。図 13 においては、特定地域情報とし

て住所、電話番号、及び氏名を用いる場合を示している。例えば、キーボードから住所を入力した場合には、その住所に該当する距離 L と方位 θ が検索される。同様に電話番号によっても、距離 L と方位 θ が検索出来る。更に、氏名を用いても距離 L と方位 θ を検索することができる。

【0038】又図14は地域情報の他の例を示す図であり、特定地域情報として電柱番号を用いる場合を示している。例えば、電柱番号1を指定することにより、その電柱が存在している距離 L と方位 θ を検索することが可能である。また、前述した実施例で示した図10のように、特定地域情報として町の名前を用いてもかまわない。あるいは特定地域情報としてビルの名前、山の名前等を用いるようにしてもかまわない。

【0039】

【発明の効果】以上のように、この発明によれば常にカメラの撮影位置を把握することが可能で、ズームレンズ比に応じて詳細な地図の利用が可能で、また映像上の特定地名などを把握することが可能であるため対象とする地図に不案内の人やカメラ操作に不慣れな人でも効果的に監視カメラを利用できる等の効果がある。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】この発明の一実施例による地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置のブロック図である。

【図2】この発明の一実施例による監視カメラの制御アルゴリズムを示す図である。

【図3】この発明の一実施例による監視カメラの撮影映像から撮影地点の位置を特定する方法を説明する参考図であり、カメラ装置を水平方向から見た図である。

【図4】この発明の一実施例による監視カメラの撮影映像から撮影地点の位置を特定する方法を説明する参考図であり、カメラ装置を鉛直方向から見た図である。

【図5】この発明の一実施例による監視カメラの撮影映像から特定地域情報を検索するためのアルゴリズムを示す図である。

【図6】この発明の一実施例によるCRTの基本画面図である。

【図7】この発明の一実施例によるCRTの画面例を示す図である。

【図8】この発明の一実施例によるCRTの画面例を示す図である。

【図9】この発明の一実施例によるCRTの画面例を示す図である。

【図10】この発明の一実施例による特定地域情報の一例を示す図である。

【図11】この発明の一実施例による特定地域情報を検索する動作を説明するための図である。

【図12】この発明の他の実施例による地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置のブロック図である。

【図13】この発明の他の実施例による特定地域情報を示す図である。

【図14】この発明の他の実施例による特定地域情報を示す図である。

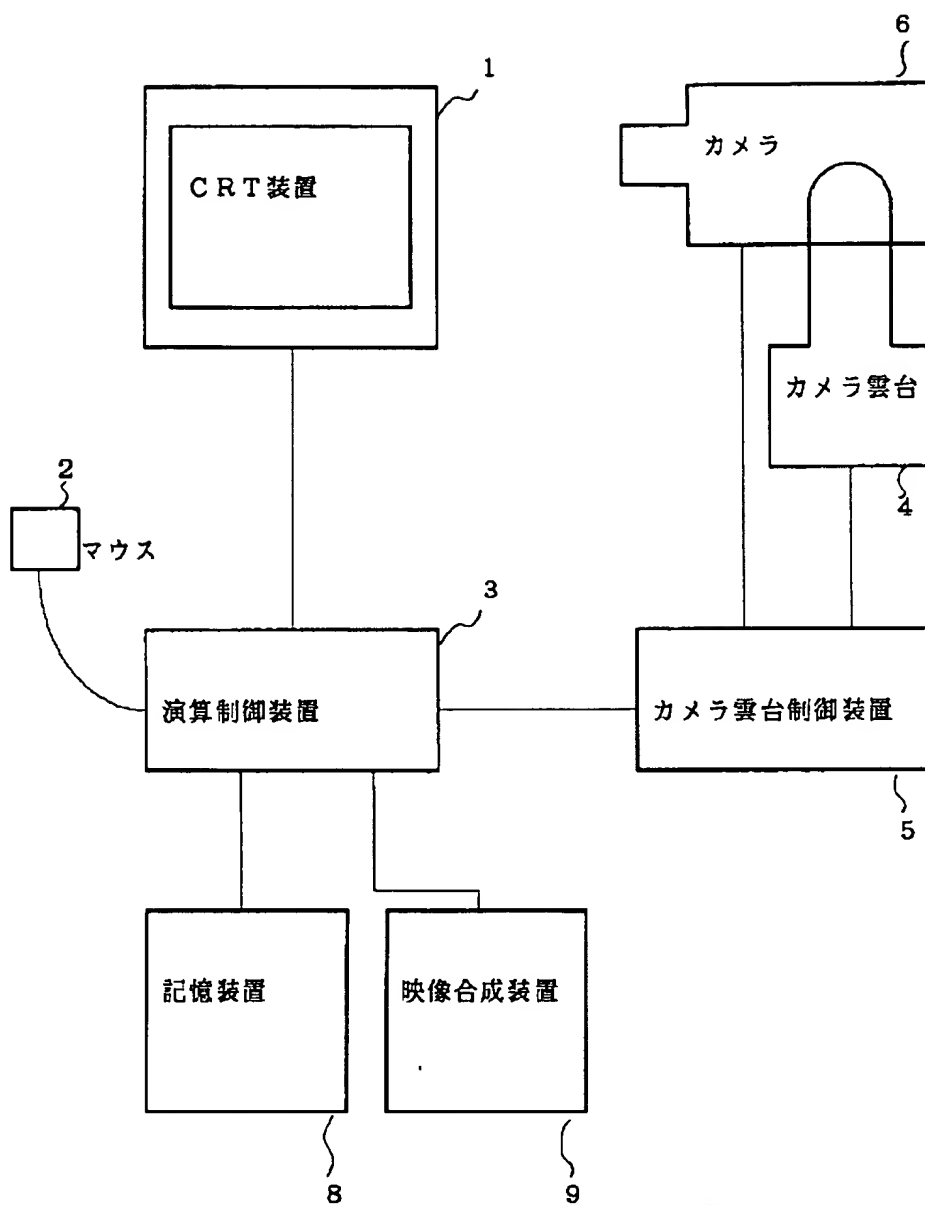
【図15】従来の地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置のブロック図である。

【図16】従来の地図情報連動監視カメラ制御装置の制御アルゴリズムを示す図である。

【符号の説明】

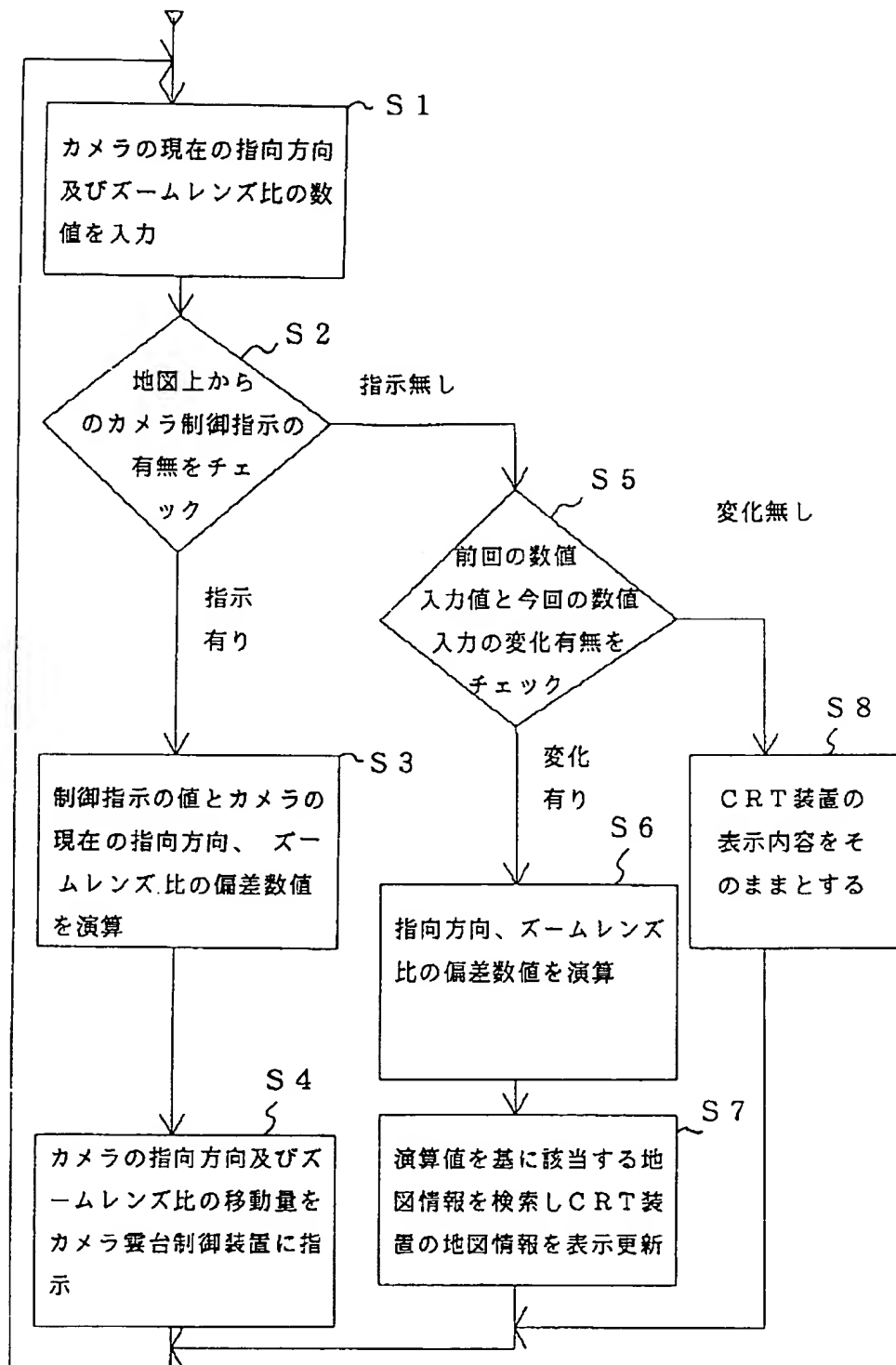
- 1 CRT装置
- 2 マウス
- 3 演算制御装置
- 4 カメラ雲台
- 5 カメラ雲台制御装置
- 6 カメラ
- 7 モニタ
- 8 記憶装置
- 9 映像合成装置
- 11 表示枠
- 12 地図情報の表示枠
- 13 カメラ撮影映像の表示枠
- 14 地域情報の表示枠
- 15 カメラ制御表示枠
- 16 カメラ設置位置
- 17 撮影範囲を示す境界線
- 18 任意位置
- 19 任意位置
- 20 任意位置

【図1】

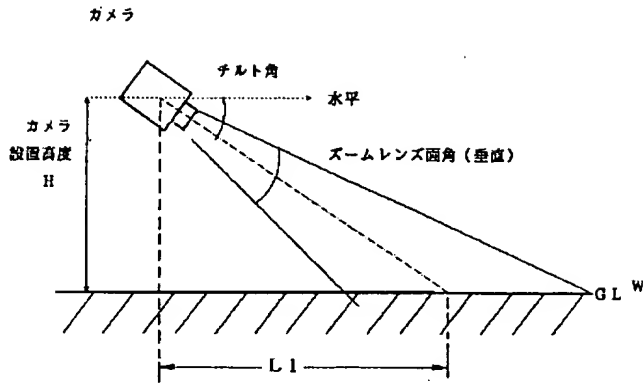


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|---|---------------|---|-----------|
| 1 | CRT装置 | 5 | カメラ雲台制御装置 |
| 2 | 地域情報入力手段(マウス) | 6 | カメラ |
| 3 | 演算制御装置 | 8 | 記憶装置 |
| 4 | カメラ雲台 | 9 | 映像合成装置 |

【図2】

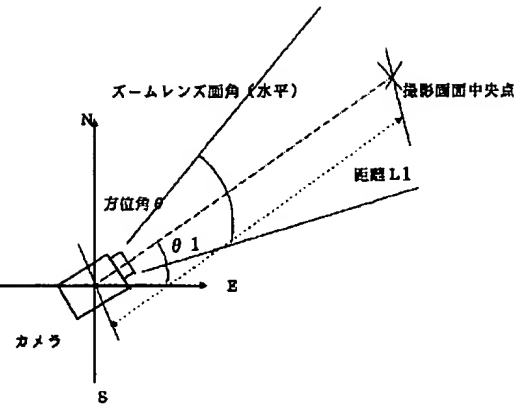


【図3】

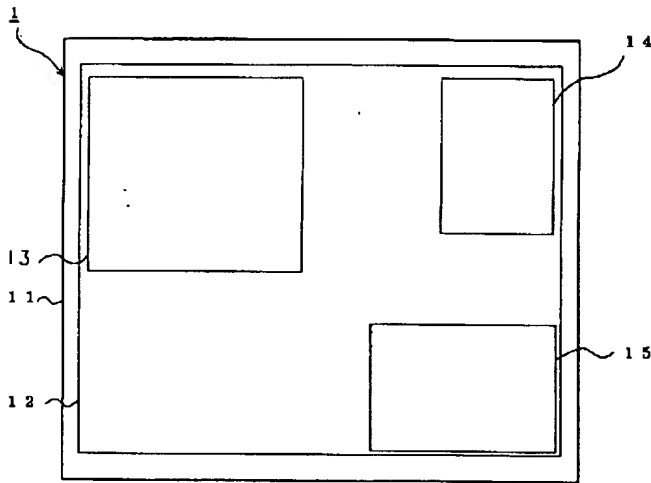


【図6】

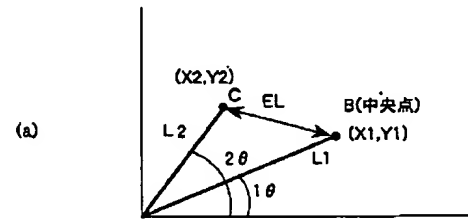
【図4】



【図11】



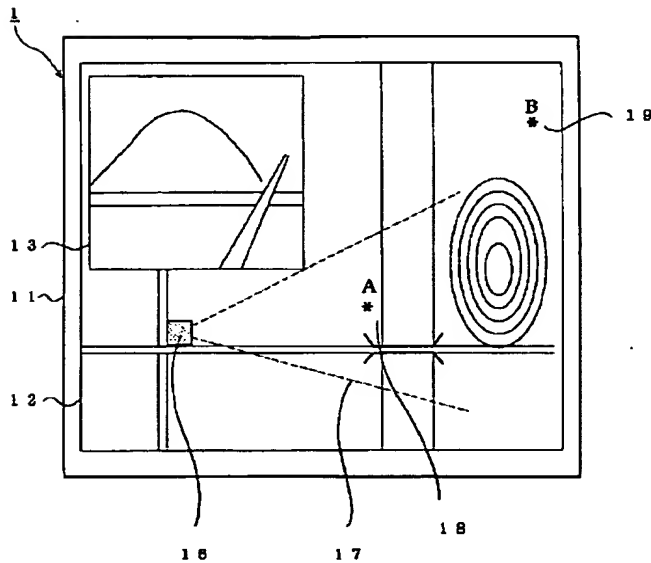
【図7】



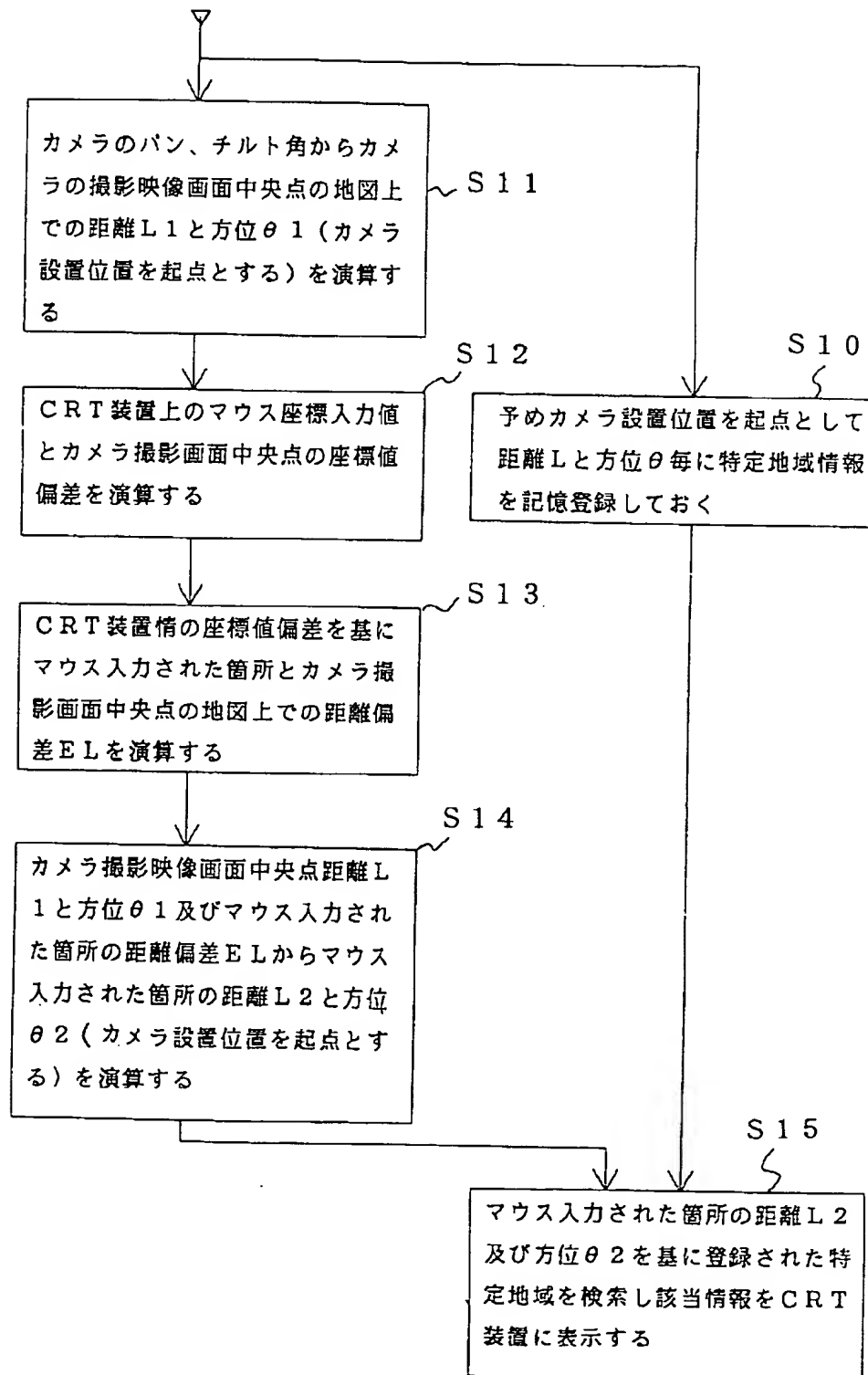
(b) $EL = \sqrt{|X1 - X2|^2 + |Y1 - Y2|^2}$

【図13】

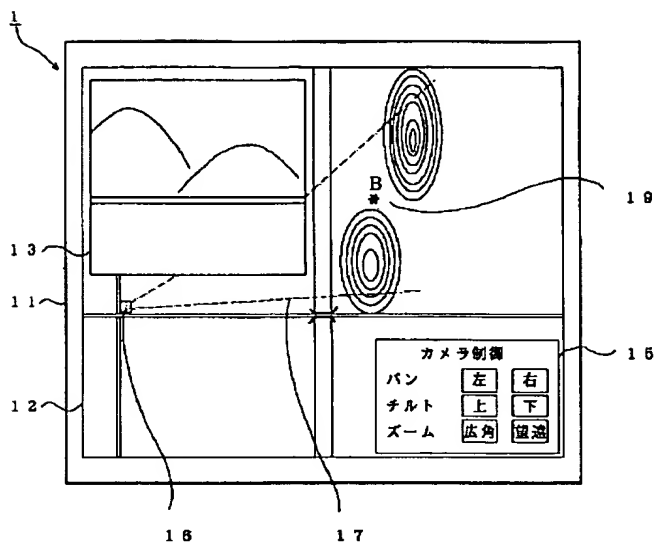
特定地域情報			L	θ
住所	TEL	氏名		
大町1の1	44-1234	田中	La	θa
大町1の2	44-5678	鈴木	Lb	θb
...



【図5】



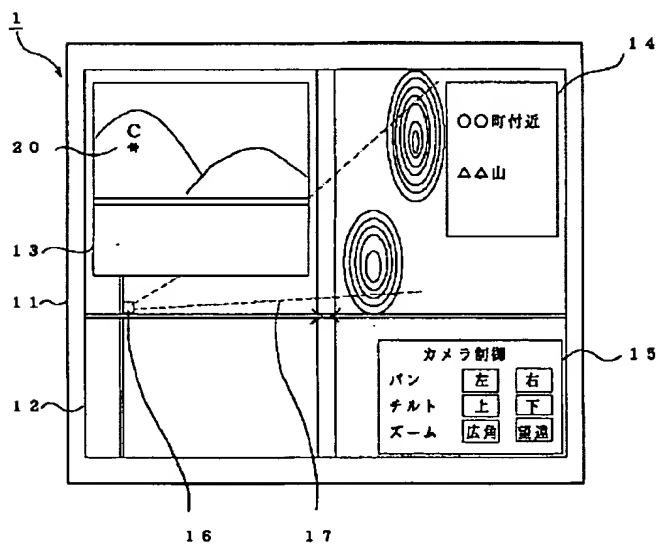
【図8】



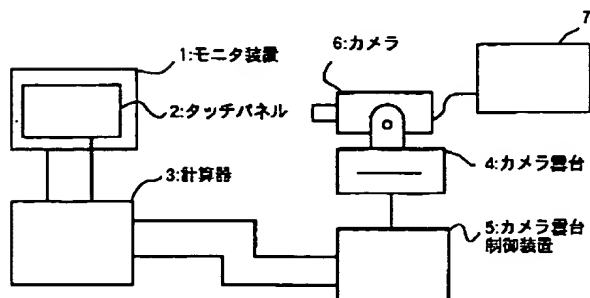
【図14】

特定地域情報		L	θ
丁目	電柱番号		
1丁目	1	L _a	θ_a
1丁目	2	L _b	θ_b
1丁目	3	L _c	θ_c
2丁目	4	L _d	θ_d
...

【図9】



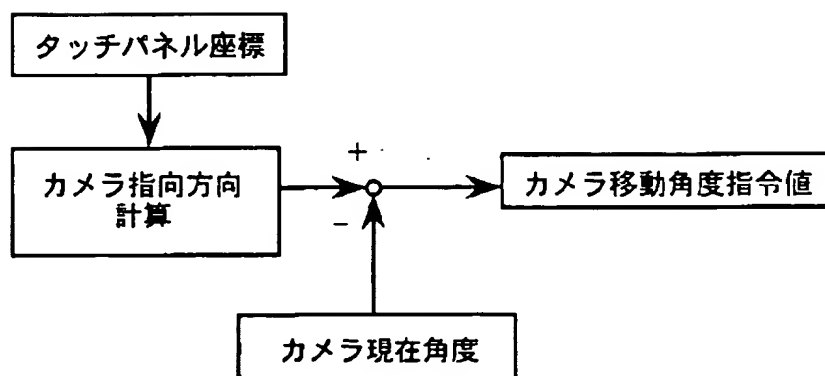
【図15】



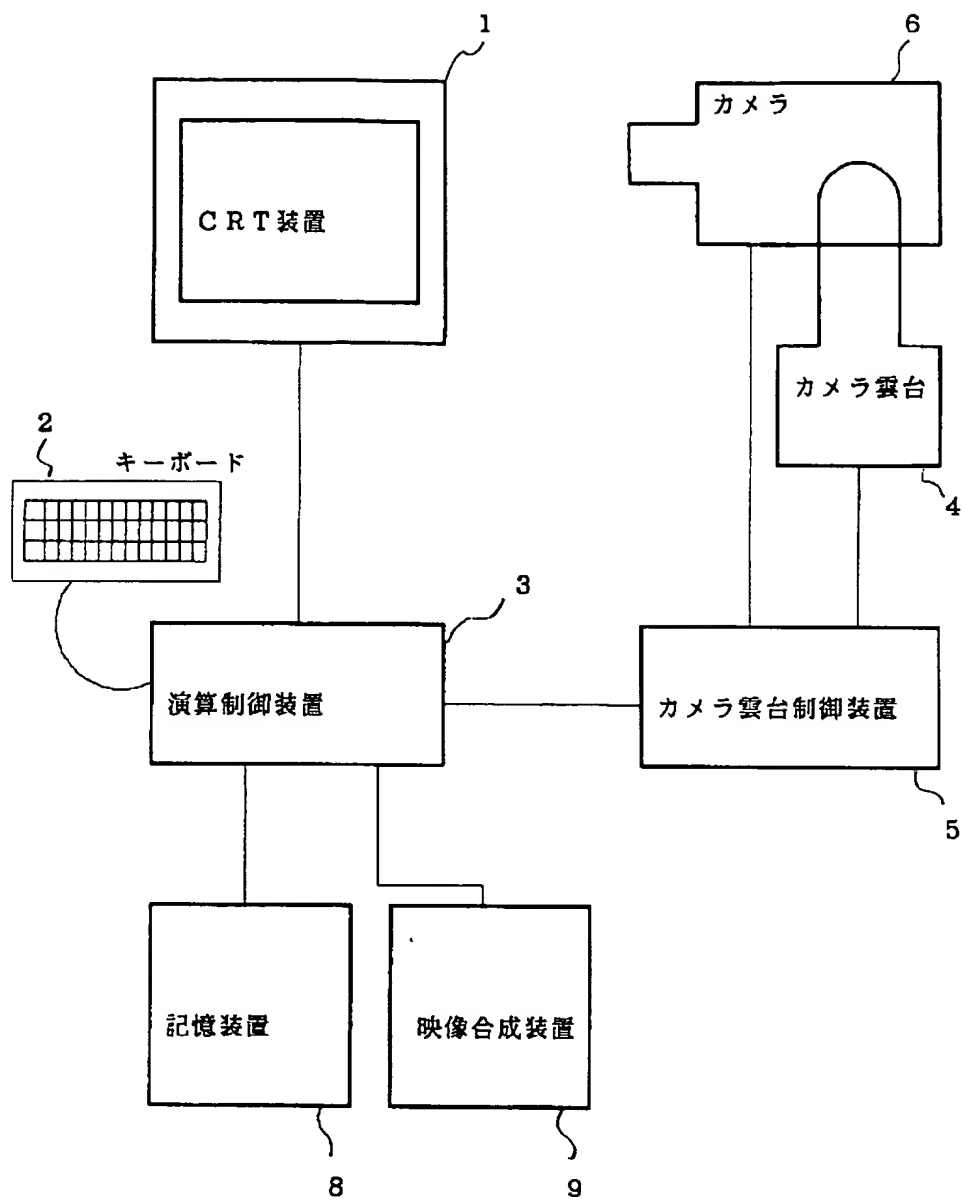
【図10】

特定地域情報	L	θ
〇〇町付近 △△山	L_a	θ_a
〇〇町付近 ××山	L_b	θ_b
××町付近 一川	L_c	θ_c
××町付近 第1ビル	L_d	θ_d
××町付近 東タワー	L_e	θ_e
⋮	⋮	⋮

【図16】



【図12】



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] A surveillance camera and the camera control unit which controls the above-mentioned surveillance camera based on camera control information, The storage which memorizes local information and map information, and the image synthesizer unit which compounds the computer image based on the local information and map information which were memorized by storage with the photography image of the above-mentioned surveillance camera, The display which displays the synthetic image compounded by the above-mentioned image synthesizer unit, Map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment characterized by consisting of arithmetic sequence units by which the above-mentioned storage was connected with a local information input means to input the specific part on a map, and the above-mentioned surveillance camera, the above-mentioned camera control unit, the above-mentioned display and the above-mentioned local information input means.

[Claim 2] A surveillance camera and the camera control unit which controls the above-mentioned surveillance camera based on camera control information, The display which displays the map of the storage which memorizes map information, and the location which the above-mentioned surveillance camera based on the above-mentioned map information is photoing, and the photography image of the above-mentioned surveillance camera, It consists of arithmetic sequence units by which the above-mentioned storage was connected with a local information input means to input the specific part on a map, and the above-mentioned surveillance camera, the above-mentioned camera control unit, the above-mentioned display and the above-mentioned local information input means. So that the specific part directed by directing the specific part on a map with the above-mentioned local information input means can be photoed in the magnitude (zoom ratio) of the photography screen where it was beforehand set to the above-mentioned surveillance camera Map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment characterized by for the above-mentioned arithmetic sequence unit calculating the zoom ratio of the above-mentioned surveillance camera, transmitting to the above-mentioned camera control unit by making these into camera control information, and controlling the above-mentioned surveillance camera.

[Claim 3] The above-mentioned arithmetic sequence unit is map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment according to claim 1 characterized by displaying the map of a suitable scale according to a zoom ratio on the above-mentioned display further based on the map information memorized by storage based on camera control information.

[Claim 4] A surveillance camera and the camera control unit which controls the above-mentioned surveillance camera based on camera control information, The display which displays the map of the storage which memorizes map information, and the location which the above-mentioned surveillance camera based on the above-mentioned map information is photoing, and the photography image of the above-mentioned surveillance camera, It consists of arithmetic sequence units by which the above-mentioned storage was connected with a local information input means to input the specific part on a map, and the above-mentioned surveillance camera, the above-mentioned camera control unit, the above-mentioned display and the above-mentioned local information input means. An arithmetic sequence unit is map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment which calculates the photographic coverage of the above-mentioned surveillance camera, and is characterized by displaying the mark which shows the calculated photographic coverage on the map displayed on the display.

[Claim 5] A surveillance camera, the camera control unit which controls the above-mentioned surveillance camera, and the storage which memorizes the local information related with map information and map information, The display which displays the map of the location which the above-mentioned surveillance camera is photoing based on the above-mentioned map information, and the photography image of the above-mentioned surveillance camera, It consists of arithmetic sequence units by which the above-mentioned storage was connected with a local information input means to input the above-mentioned local information, and the above-mentioned surveillance camera, the above-mentioned camera control unit, the above-mentioned display and the above-mentioned local information input means. By inputting the above-mentioned local information memorized by the above-mentioned storage with the above-mentioned local information input means Map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment with which the map information with which the above-mentioned arithmetic sequence unit was related from the above-mentioned storage based on the inputted local information is retrieved, and it is characterized by displaying the map based on the retrieved map information, or a photography image on the above-mentioned display.

[Claim 6] The above-mentioned map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment is map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment further characterized by displaying local information on a display.

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TECHNICAL FIELD

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the monitor camera-control equipment applied when displaying on a map the mark which shows camera photographic coverage, when carrying out the display output of the specific area information from a camera photography image, and when [the case where camera control information is inputted into the surveillance camera of a public building (for example, a road a dam, a river), and the fire-tower camera which supervises a city area, when searching the map of an applicable photography location from a photography image, or].

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PRIOR ART

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EFFECT OF THE INVENTION

[Effect of the Invention] As mentioned above, since according to this invention it is possible to always grasp the camera station of a camera, and use of a detailed map is possible according to a zoom lens ratio and it is possible to grasp the specific name of a place on an image etc., there is effectiveness of a person unfamiliar on the target map and a person unfamiliar to camera actuation also being able to use a surveillance camera effectively.

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[0023] Next, in S4, an arithmetic sequence unit 3 sends out the orientation of a camera, and the movement magnitude of a zoom lens ratio to the camera universal-head control unit 5 based on the deflection numeric value calculated and calculated. The camera universal-head control unit 5 receives such camera control information from an arithmetic sequence unit 3, and controls a camera in the condition of having been specified. In S2 mentioned above, from a mouse etc., when there is no camera control lead, in S5, an arithmetic sequence unit 3 checks change with the numeric value of the orientation of the last camera memorized beforehand, and a zoom lens ratio, and this numeric value. When the last numeric value and this numeric value have change, in S6, the deflection numeric value of orientation and a zoom lens ratio is calculated. And in S7, based on the calculated deflection numeric value, the map information memorized by storage is retrieved and a map is displayed on CRT equipment from the retrieved map information.

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[0025] In S5 mentioned above, since the camera will photo the same location when there is no change in the last numeric value and this numeric value, in S8, the contents of a display of CRT equipment remain as it is, and the same map information continues being displayed.

[0026] An operator operates it using the mouse 2 and CRT1 which are connected to an arithmetic sequence unit 3. Drawing 6 is the basic screen of CRT equipment 1, when various display frames need the function applicable to it, it is displayed, and this display control is performed by the arithmetic sequence unit 3.

[0027] Drawing 7 is the screen which described the concrete contents of a display in the basic screen of drawing 6. In drawing 7, 12 is the display frame of map information and is the boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of the camera installation location 16 or a camera on a map, and the example of a screen as which the display frame 13 with which the video image which the present camera is photoing was displayed was displayed on this. The image synthesizer unit 9 is performing the function which displays a computer image and video images, such as map information, on the same screen.

[0028] Since a camera is fixed installation in this drawing, the camera installation location 16 performs a display on a map by registering with an arithmetic sequence unit 3 beforehand. Moreover, the boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of a camera inputs the information which shows the camera level include angle (pan) of a camera, a camera perpendicular include angle (tilt), and a zoom from the camera universal-head control unit 5, and displays by calculating from the scale of the installation altitude value of this and the camera registered beforehand, and a display map. The boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of this camera is generated as a computer image, and is displayed on the same screen with computer images, such as other map information, with the image synthesizer unit 9.

[0029] In drawing 7, an operator can acquire the boundary line 17 and camera photography image which show the map display and camera photographic coverage according to the orientation and the zoom ratio of a camera present in a map top on the same CRT equipment 1. Since drawing 7 is an example of a CRT screen centering on the arbitration point 18, it explains below the case where camera control is carried out to the arbitration point 19 from the arbitration point 18.

[0030] In drawing 7, by directing the arbitration location 19 on a map with a mouse 2, the camera zoom ratio which can grasp the circumference of the bias and the arbitration location 19 with the present orientation of a camera based on the CRT coordinate location inputted from a mouse 2 is calculated, the delivery camera 6 and the camera universal head 4 are controlled to a camera universal-head control unit, and the arbitration location 19 and the photography image of the circumference of it are acquired in this with an arithmetic sequence unit 3. The map of a suitable scale is searched by the camera zoom ratio to coincidence, and it is made to display on CRT equipment 1. Moreover, it is made to display on the map which calculated the boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of a camera, and indicated by retrieval newly from the scale of the camera level include angle (pan), the camera perpendicular include angle (tilt), the zoom information and this of the camera corresponding to the arbitration point 19, the installation altitude value of the camera registered beforehand, and a display map. The example of a CRT screen of the result of having performed processing of this is drawing 8.

[0031] Drawing 8 is the example by which a coincidence indication also of the control display frame 15 of a camera was given. It is also possible to control without directing a map location for a camera 6 using the control display frame 15 of this camera. For example, by directing the "left" of the pan of the control display frame 15 of a camera with a mouse 2, the control signal which rotates a camera 6 leftward is passed to the camera universal-head control unit 5 with an arithmetic sequence unit 3. The boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of the other camera installation locations 16 or a camera is as having explained above. If it becomes impossible for the photographic coverage of a camera to display on a map current on display at this time, the suitable map information will be indicated by retrieval from storage 3, and the photographic coverage 17 of the camera installation location 16 or a camera will be re-calculated and displayed on this map.

[0032] By directing the arbitration point 20 on the image of the camera photography graphic display frame 13, drawing 9 is the example of a screen which displayed the local information registered into this point on the display frame 14 of local information. The detail of this display function is explained below. The arbitration point 20 of the camera photography graphic display frame 13 is inputted into the operation display 3 with the coordinate on CRT equipment 1. The coordinate (for example, an include angle and distance centering on the camera installation location 16) of the point which it is displayed from the pan of a camera, a tilt angle, and a zoom lens ratio now, and was specified with the mouse 2 is searched for with the algorithm of drawing 5, the specific area information beforehand registered based on this coordinate is retrieved in an operation indicating equipment, and it is made to display on CRT equipment 1. By finding the include angle centering on a camera installation location, and distance, drawing 5 is an algorithm for searching for specific area information by making this into a search key, and explains the method which calculates the include angle of the location directed with the mouse after calculating the location on the map of the center point of a camera photography screen, and distance. Drawing 3 and drawing 4 are the reference drawings for calculating the map top location of the center point of a camera photography screen, and it is shown that an operation is possible for the center point at the installation altitude of a camera, a pan, a tilt angle, and a zoom lens ratio.

[0033] Next, the operation approach of the deflection numeric value of the present orientation approach performed when there are directions of specific parts, such as a mouse in S3 of drawing 2 mentioned above, based on the flow chart of drawing 5 is explained. In addition to the operation of a deflection numeric value, the flow chart of drawing 5 has described how to retrieve specific area information, doubles both and is explained here.

[0034] In S10 of drawing 5, specific area information is beforehand recorded on storage with the camera installation location as the starting point at every distance 1, and besides that, Drawing 10 is drawing showing an example of

the specific area information memorized by storage. As specific area information, local information, such as an identifier of a town, an identifier of a crest, an identifier of a river, an identifier of a building, and an identifier of a tower, is recorded, and in order to show the location where such local information exists, the distance L and Bearing theta on the basis of a camera installation location are recorded, respectively. Thus, where the specific area information shown in drawing 10 is recorded on a recording device, as it was shown in drawing 9, the case where the arbitration point 20 is directed is explained.

[0035] First, the screen center point of a current camera is calculated in S11. Drawing 11 is drawing showing this actuation, and assumes that it is that whose point B is the center point of the present camera. This center point B shall have the coordinate of X1 and Y1 on an axis of coordinates. The distance L1 and bearing theta 1 on the map of the photography image screen center point of a camera are called for from the pan of a camera, and a tilt angle as a value which shows the center point. Next, in S12, the coordinate input value of the specified arbitration point and the coordinate value deflection of the camera photography screen center point are calculated. In drawing 11, Point C is assumed to be the arbitration point 20 specified with the mouse. The mouse coordinate input value of this point C is set to X2 and Y2. Therefore, a mouse coordinate input value and the coordinate value of the camera photography screen center point are set to X1, Y1, and X2 and Y2, respectively, and $X1-X2$ and $Y1-Y2$ ask for each deflection. Next, in S13, the distance deflection PL on the map of the mouse input part based on the coordinate value deflection for which it asked, and the camera photography screen center point is calculated. PL is calculated by the square root of the square of the absolute value of the difference of X coordinate, and the square of the absolute value of the difference of Y coordinate, as shown in drawing 11 (b). Next, L2 and bearing theta 2 of a part by which the mouse input was carried out from the distance L1 of the image screen center point, bearing theta 1, and the distance deflection PL which were mentioned above in S14 are calculated. Next, in S15, the specific area information shown in drawing 10 based on the distance L2 and bearing theta 2 of the arbitration point C which were called for is retrieved. When searching, specific area information with the value nearest to distance L2 and bearing theta 2 is retrieved, and it is displayed on CRT equipment. For example, when it is judged that the distance L2 and bearing theta 2 in drawing 11 are the closest to the distance LA in drawing 10 and bearing thetaA, as shown in 14 of drawing 9, the specific area information near OO town and of **** crest is displayed as specific area information.

[0036] The configuration of other examples is shown in example 2., next drawing 12. The example shown in drawing 12 adds a keyboard as an alternative of the mouse shown by drawing 1 about the local information input means. From a keyboard, the specific location on CRT equipment 1 can be directed by moving cursor. Moreover, it is possible to input alphabetic data, such as local information, for example, the address, and the telephone number, into an arithmetic sequence unit 3. Although the example 1 showed the case where a cursor coordinate location was inputted, it is possible to also make the orientation and the zoom of a camera control from data, such as the address and the telephone number.

[0037] Drawing 13 is drawing showing an example of the local information by this example. In drawing 13, the case where the address, the telephone number, and a name are used as specific area information is shown. For example, when the address is inputted from a keyboard, the distance L and Bearing theta applicable to the address are searched. With the telephone number, distance L and Bearing theta can be searched similarly. Furthermore, even if it uses a name, distance L and Bearing theta can be searched.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

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[0021] Drawing 2 is a flow chart which shows the camera control algorithm based on this example. In this example, an arithmetic sequence unit 3 inputs the condition of a camera periodically from the camera universal-head control unit 5. Although an arithmetic sequence unit 3 can control a camera by calculating camera control information (a pan, a tilt, zoom ratio, etc.), and transmitting to the camera universal-head control unit 5 in order to control a camera, it may be said that the camera itself and the camera universal-head control unit itself generate camera control information, or it operates based on the camera control information sent from the arithmetic sequence unit 3. Therefore, the camera control unit 3 checks the current condition of a camera universal-head control unit to a camera by the time amount of substitution periodically from the camera universal-head control unit 5. The flow chart

shown in drawing 2 is performed whenever an arithmetic sequence unit inputs the condition of a camera from a camera universal-head control unit.

[0022] In S1, an arithmetic sequence unit 3 inputs the current orientation of a camera, and the numeric value of a zoom lens ratio from the camera universal-head control unit 5 first. Next, it is confirmed whether there has camera control lead from the map with which the operator was displayed on the CRT equipment value using the local information input means 2, such as a mouse, in an arithmetic sequence unit S2. When the specific part on a map is specified with a mouse etc., the value of control lead based on the specific part specified in S3, and the current orientation of the camera inputted from the camera universal-head control unit 5 in S1 and the deflection numeric value of a zoom lens ratio are calculated.

[0023] Next, in S4, an arithmetic sequence unit 3 sends out the orientation of a camera, and the movement magnitude of a zoom lens ratio to the camera universal-head control unit 5 based on the deflection numeric value calculated and calculated. The camera universal-head control unit 5 receives such camera control information from an arithmetic sequence unit 3, and controls a camera in the condition of having been specified. In S2 mentioned above, from a mouse etc., when there is no camera control lead, in S5, an arithmetic sequence unit 3 checks change with the numeric value of the orientation of the last camera memorized beforehand, and a zoom lens ratio, and this numeric value. When the last numeric value and this numeric value have change, in S6, the deflection numeric value of orientation and a zoom lens ratio is calculated. And in S7, based on the calculated deflection numeric value, the map information memorized by storage is retrieved and a map is displayed on CRT equipment from the retrieved map information.

[0024] Thus, by passing through the step of S5 to S7, the map information about the newest image which the camera is photoing will be displayed on CRT equipment.

[0025] In S5 mentioned above, since the camera will photo the same location when there is no change in the last numeric value and this numeric value, in S8, the contents of a display of CRT equipment remain as it is, and the same map information continues being displayed.

[0026] An operator operates it using the mouse 2 and CRT1 which are connected to an arithmetic sequence unit 3. Drawing 6 is the basic screen of CRT equipment 1, when various display frames need the function applicable to it, it is displayed, and this display control is performed by the arithmetic sequence unit 3.

[0027] Drawing 7 is the screen which described the concrete contents of a display in the basic screen of drawing 6. In drawing 7, 12 is the display frame of map information and is the boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of the camera installation location 16 or a camera on a map, and the example of a screen as which the display frame 13 with which the video image which the present camera is photoing was displayed was displayed on this. The image synthesizer unit 9 is performing the function which displays a computer image and video images, such as map information, on the same screen.

[0028] Since a camera is fixed installation in this drawing, the camera installation location 16 performs a display on a map by registering with an arithmetic sequence unit 3 beforehand. Moreover, the boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of a camera inputs the information which shows the camera level include angle (pan) of a camera, a camera perpendicular include angle (tilt), and a zoom from the camera universal-head control unit 5, and displays by calculating from the scale of the installation altitude value of this and the camera registered beforehand, and a display map. The boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of this camera is generated as a computer image, and is displayed on the same screen with computer images, such as other map information, with the image synthesizer unit 9.

[0029] In drawing 7, an operator can acquire the boundary line 17 and camera photography image which show the map display and camera photographic coverage according to the orientation and the zoom ratio of a camera present in a map top on the same CRT equipment 1. Since drawing 7 is an example of a CRT screen centering on the arbitration point 18, it explains below the case where camera control is carried out to the arbitration point 19 from the arbitration point 18.

[0030] In drawing 7, by directing the arbitration location 19 on a map with a mouse 2, the camera zoom ratio which can grasp the circumference of the bias and the arbitration location 19 with the present orientation of a camera based on the CRT coordinate location inputted from a mouse 2 is calculated, the delivery camera 6 and the camera universal head 4 are controlled to a camera universal-head control unit, and the arbitration location 19 and the photography image of the circumference of it are acquired in this with an arithmetic sequence unit 3. The map of a suitable scale is searched by the camera zoom ratio to coincidence, and it is made to display on CRT equipment 1. Moreover, it is made to display on the map which calculated the boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of a camera, and indicated by retrieval newly from the scale of the camera level include angle (pan), the camera perpendicular include angle (tilt), the zoom information and this of the camera corresponding to the arbitration point 19, the installation altitude value of the camera registered beforehand, and a display map. The example of a CRT screen of the result of having performed processing of this is drawing 8.

[0031] Drawing 8 is the example by which a coincidence indication also of the control display frame 15 of a camera was given. It is also possible to control without directing a map location for a camera 6 using the control display frame 15 of this camera. For example, by directing the "left" of the pan of the control display frame 15 of a camera with a mouse 2, the control signal which rotates a camera 6 leftward is passed to the camera universal-head control unit 5 with an arithmetic sequence unit 3. The boundary line which shows the photographic coverage 17 of the other camera installation locations 16 or a camera is as having explained above. If it becomes impossible for the photographic coverage of a camera to display on a map current on display at this time, the suitable map information will be indicated by retrieval from storage 3, and the photographic coverage 17 of the camera installation location 16 or a camera will be re-calculated and displayed on this map.

[0032] By directing the arbitration point 19 on the image of the camera photographic map display frame 12

drawing 9 is the example of a screen which displayed the local information registered into this point on the display frame 14 of local information. The detail of this display function is explained below. The arbitration point 20 of the camera photography graphic display frame 13 is inputted into the operation display 3 with the coordinate on CRT equipment 1. The coordinate (for example, an include angle and distance centering on the camera installation location 16) of the point which it is displayed from the pan of a camera, a tilt angle, and a zoom lens ratio now, and was specified with the mouse 2 is searched for with the algorithm of drawing 5, the specific area information beforehand registered based on this coordinate is retrieved in an operation indicating equipment, and it is made to display on CRT equipment 1. By finding the include angle centering on a camera installation location, and distance, drawing 5 is an algorithm for searching for specific area information by making this into a search key, and explains the method which calculates the include angle of the location directed with the mouse after calculating the location on the map of the center point of a camera photography screen, and distance. Drawing 3 and drawing 4 are the reference drawings for calculating the map top location of the center point of a camera photography screen, and it is shown that an operation is possible for the center point at the installation altitude of a camera, a pan, a tilt angle, and a zoom lens ratio.

[0033] Next, the operation approach of the deflection numeric value of the present orientation approach performed when there are directions of specific parts, such as a mouse in S3 of drawing 2 mentioned above, based on the flow chart of drawing 5 is explained. In addition to the operation of a deflection numeric value, the flow chart of drawing 5 has described how to retrieve specific area information, doubles both and is explained here.

[0034] In S10 of drawing 5, specific area information is beforehand recorded on storage with the camera installation location as the starting point at every distance L and bearing theta. Drawing 10 is drawing showing an example of the specific area information memorized by storage. As specific area information, local information, such as an identifier of a town, an identifier of a crest, an identifier of a river, an identifier of a building, and an identifier of a tower, is recorded, and in order to show the location where such local information exists, the distance L and Bearing theta on the basis of a camera installation location are recorded, respectively. Thus, where the specific area information shown in drawing 10 is recorded on a recording device, as it was shown in drawing 9, the case where the arbitration point 20 is directed is explained.

[0035] First, the screen center point of a current camera is calculated in S11. Drawing 11 is drawing showing this actuation, and assumes that it is that whose point B is the center point of the present camera. This center point B shall have the coordinate of X1 and Y1 on an axis of coordinates. The distance L1 and bearing theta 1 on the map of the photography image screen center point of a camera are called for from the pan of a camera, and a tilt angle as a value which shows the center point. Next, in S12, the coordinate input value of the specified arbitration point and the coordinate value deflection of the camera photography screen center point are calculated. In drawing 11, Point C is assumed to be the arbitration point 20 specified with the mouse. The mouse coordinate input value of this point C is set to X2 and Y2. Therefore, a mouse coordinate input value and the coordinate value of the camera photography screen center point are set to X1, Y1, and X2 and Y2, respectively, and X1-X2 and Y1-Y2 ask for each deflection. Next, in S13, the distance deflection PL on the map of the mouse input part based on the coordinate value deflection for which it asked, and the camera photography screen center point is calculated. PL is calculated by the square root of the square of the absolute value of the difference of X coordinate, and the square of the absolute value of the difference of Y coordinate, as shown in drawing 11 (b). Next, L2 and bearing theta 2 of a part by which the mouse input was carried out from the distance L1 of the image screen center point, bearing theta 1, and the distance deflection PL which were mentioned above in S14 are calculated. Next, in S15, the specific area information shown in drawing 10 based on the distance L2 and bearing theta 2 of the arbitration point C which were called for is retrieved. When searching, specific area information with the value nearest to distance L2 and bearing theta 2 is retrieved, and it is displayed on CRT equipment. For example, when it is judged that the distance L2 and bearing theta 2 in drawing 11 are the closest to the distance LA in drawing 10 and bearing thetaA, as shown in 14 of drawing 9, the specific area information near OO town and of **** crest is displayed as specific area information.

[0036] The configuration of other examples is shown in example 2., next drawing 12. The example shown in drawing 12 adds a keyboard as an alternative of the mouse shown by drawing 1 about the local information input means. From a keyboard, the specific location on CRT equipment 1 can be directed by moving cursor. Moreover, it is possible to input alphabetic data, such as local information, for example, the address, and the telephone number, into an arithmetic sequence unit 3. Although the example 1 showed the case where a cursor coordinate location was inputted, it is possible to also make the orientation and the zoom of a camera control from data, such as the address and the telephone number.

[0037] Drawing 13 is drawing showing an example of the local information by this example. In drawing 13, the case where the address, the telephone number, and a name are used as specific area information is shown. For example, when the address is inputted from a keyboard, the distance L and Bearing theta applicable to the address are searched. With the telephone number, distance L and Bearing theta can be searched similarly. Furthermore, even if it uses a name, distance L and Bearing theta can be searched.

[0038] Moreover, drawing 14 is drawing showing other examples of local information, and shows the case where a telegraph pole number is used as specific area information. For example, it is possible by specifying the telegraph pole number 1 to search the distance L in which the telegraph pole exists, and Bearing theta. Moreover, the identifier of a town may be used as specific area information like drawing 10 shown in the example mentioned above. Or you may make it use the identifier of a building, the identifier of a crest, etc. as specific area information.

[0039]

[Effect of the Invention] As mentioned above, since according to this invention it is possible to always grasp the camera station of a camera, and use of a detailed map is possible according to a zoom lens ratio and it is possible to

and a person unfamiliar to camera actuation also being able to use a surveillance camera effectively.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the block diagram of the map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is drawing showing the control algorithm of the surveillance camera by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is a reference drawing explaining how to pinpoint the location of a photography point from the photography image of the surveillance camera by one example of this invention, and is drawing which looked at camera equipment from the horizontal direction.

[Drawing 4] It is a reference drawing explaining how to pinpoint the location of a photography point from the photography image of the surveillance camera by one example of this invention, and is drawing which looked at camera equipment from the vertical.

[Drawing 5] It is drawing showing the algorithm for retrieving specific area information from the photography image of the surveillance camera by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 6] It is the basic screen Fig. of CRT by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 7] It is drawing showing the example of a screen of CRT by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 8] It is drawing showing the example of a screen of CRT by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 9] It is drawing showing the example of a screen of CRT by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 10] It is drawing showing an example of the specific area information by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 11] It is drawing for explaining the actuation which retrieves the specific area information by one example of this invention.

[Drawing 12] It is the block diagram of the map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment by other examples of this invention.

[Drawing 13] It is drawing showing the specific area information by other examples of this invention.

[Drawing 14] It is drawing showing the specific area information by other examples of this invention.

[Drawing 15] It is the block diagram of conventional map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment.

[Drawing 16] It is drawing showing the control algorithm of conventional map information linkage monitor camera-control equipment.

[Description of Notations]

1. CRT Equipment
2. Mouse
3. Arithmetic Sequence Unit
4. Camera Universal Head
5. Camera Universal-Head Control Unit
6. Camera
7. Monitor
8. Storage
9. Image Synthesizer Unit
11. Display Frame
12. Display Frame of Map Information
13. Display Frame of Camera Photography Image
14. Display Frame of Local Information
15. Camera-Control Display Frame
16. Camera Installation Location
17. Boundary Line Which Shows Photographic Coverage
18. Arbitration Location
19. Arbitration Location
20. Arbitration Location

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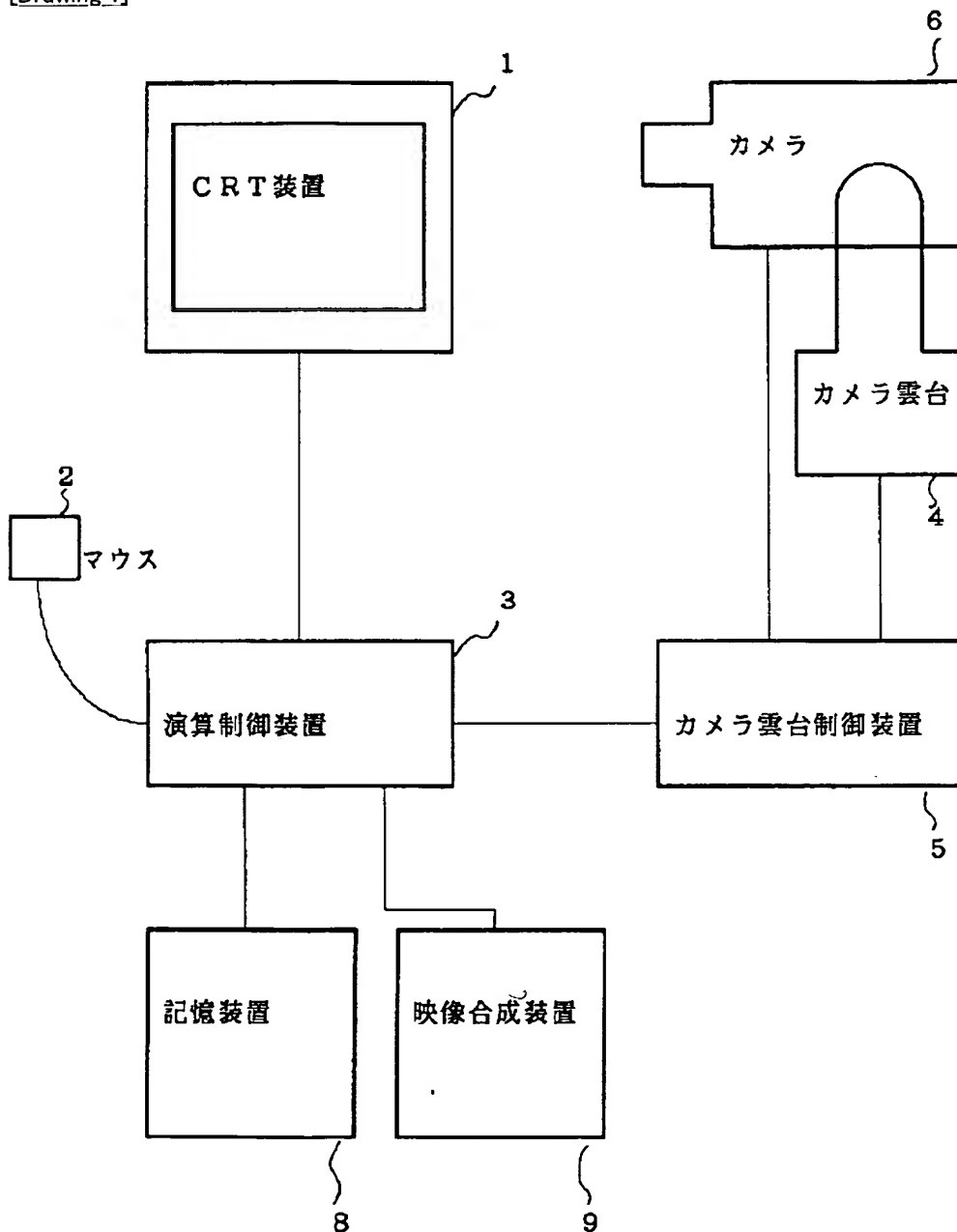
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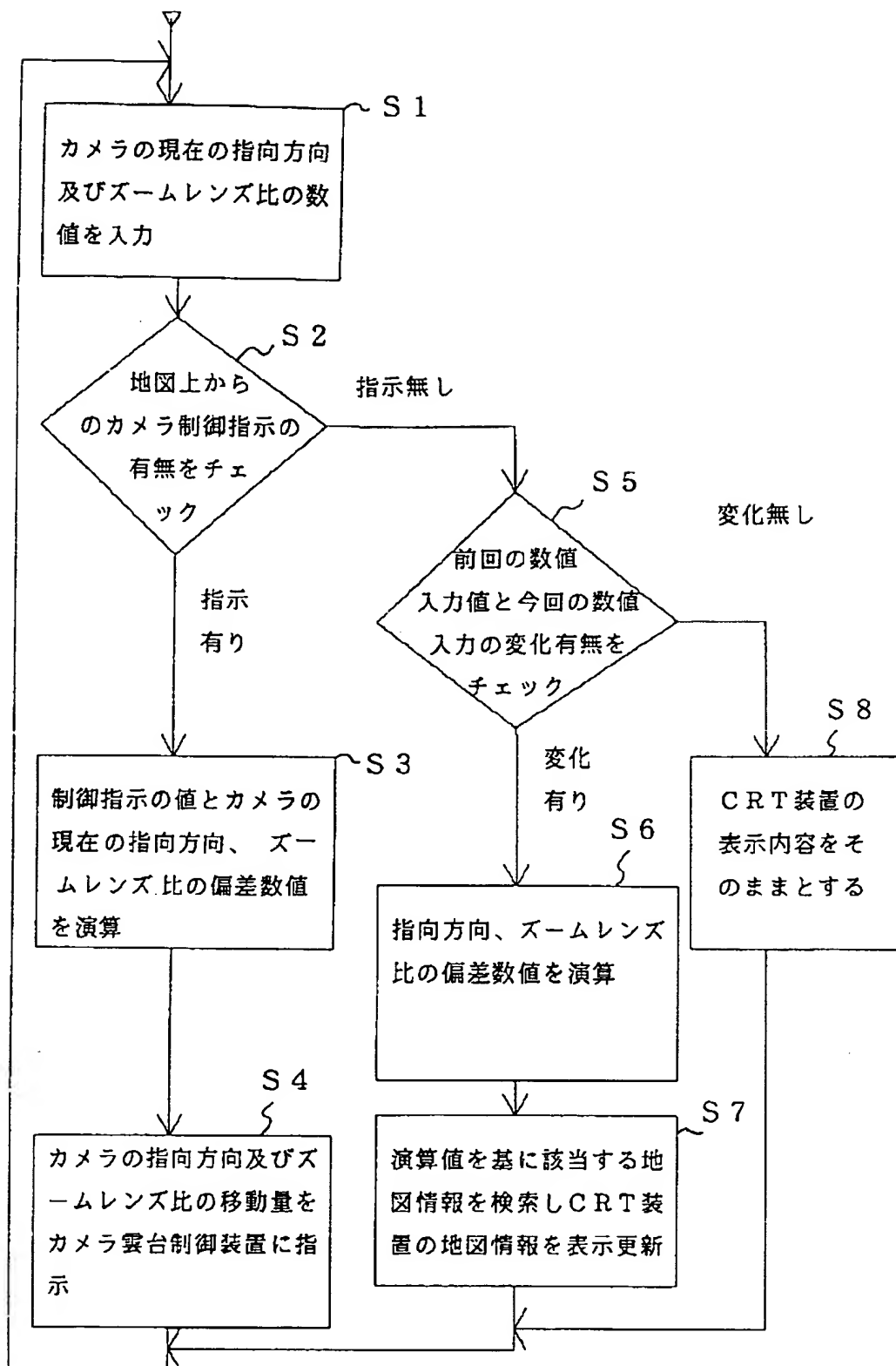
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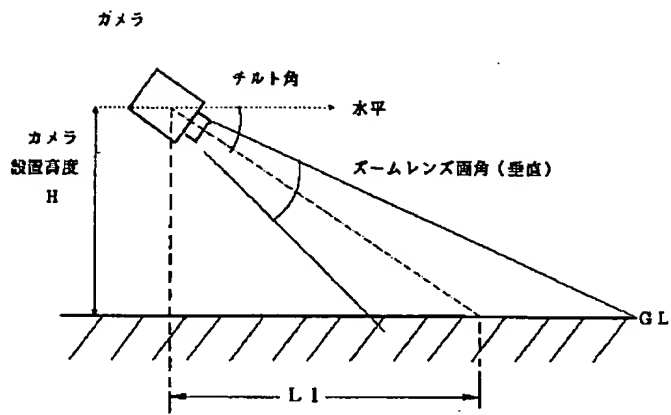
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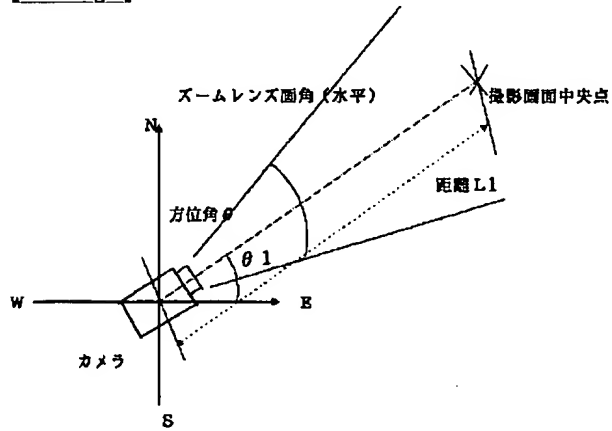
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| 3 演算制御装置 | 8 記憶装置 |
| 4 カメラ雲台 | 9 映像合成装置 |



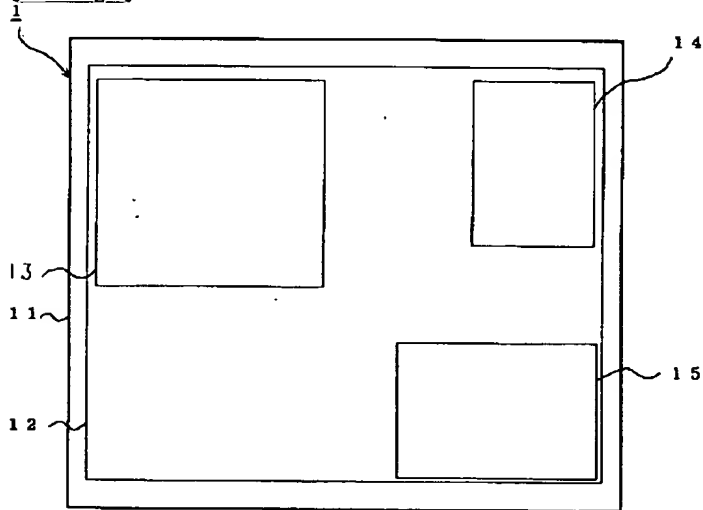
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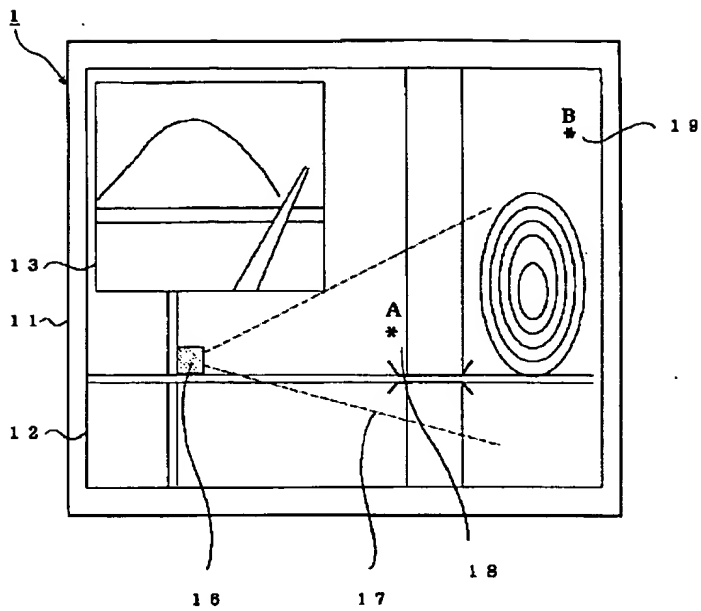
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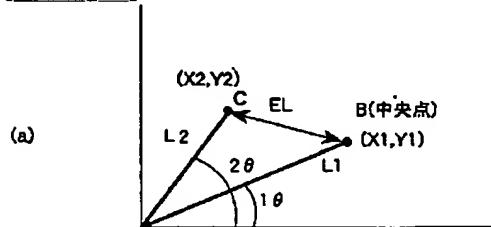
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[Drawing 7]



[Drawing 11]

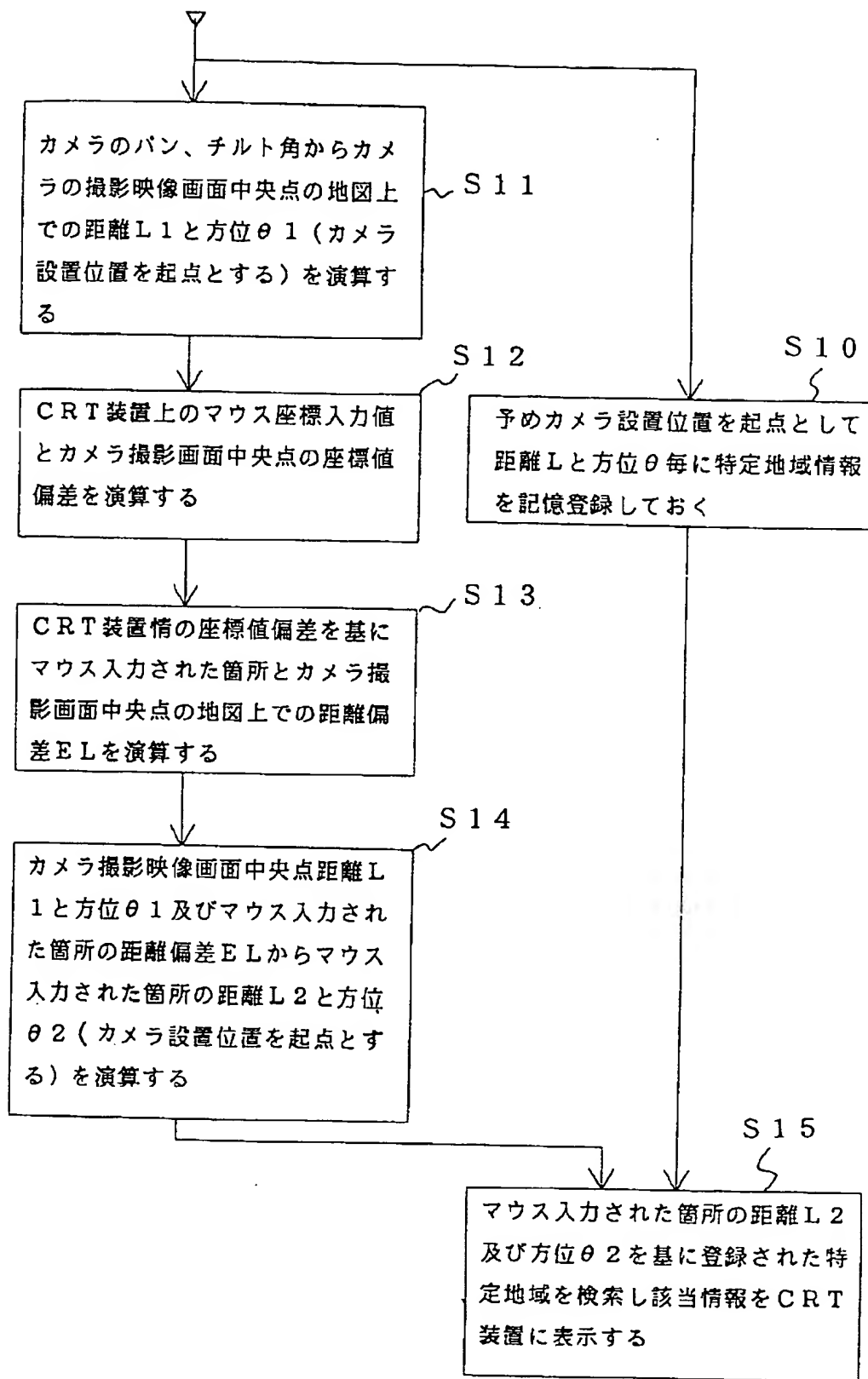


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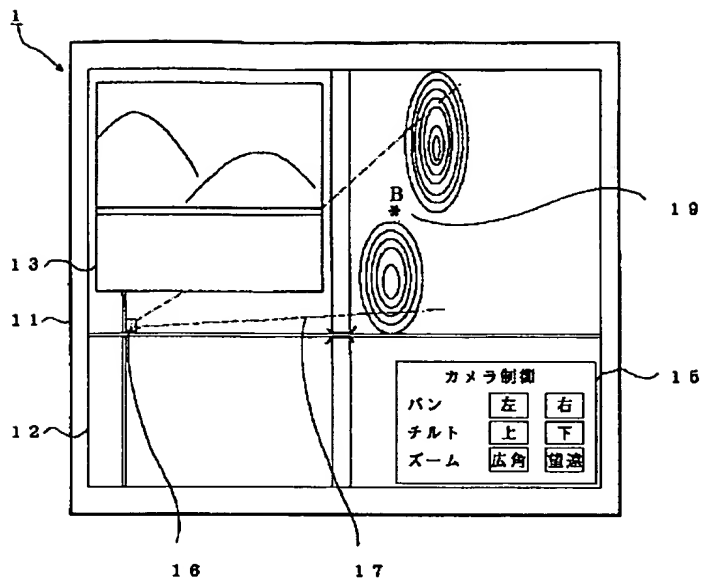
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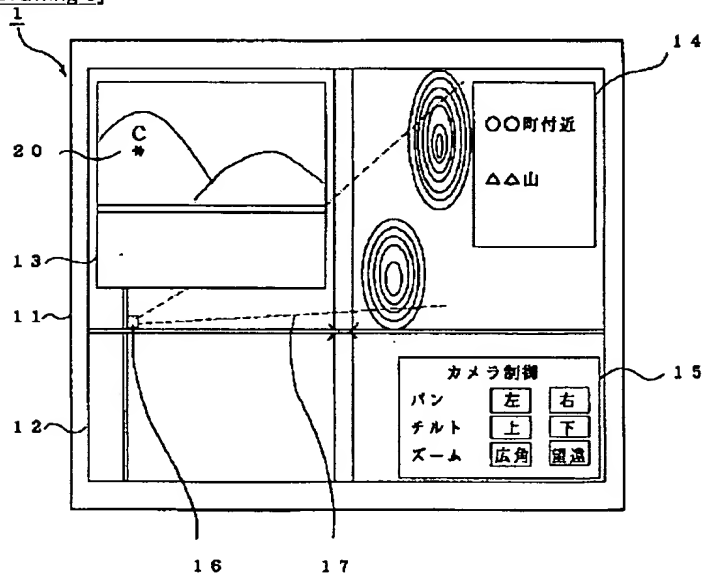
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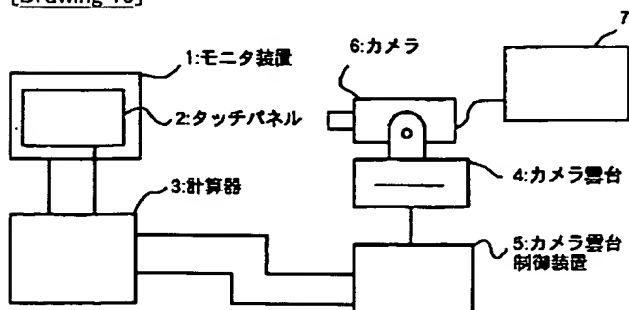
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[Drawing 14]

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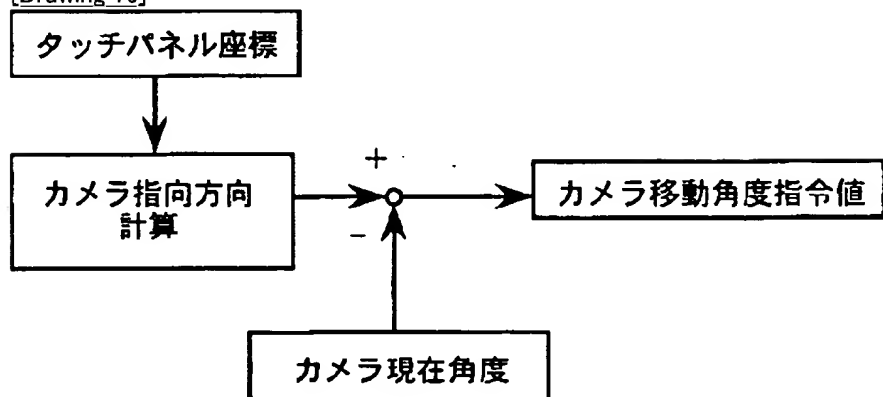
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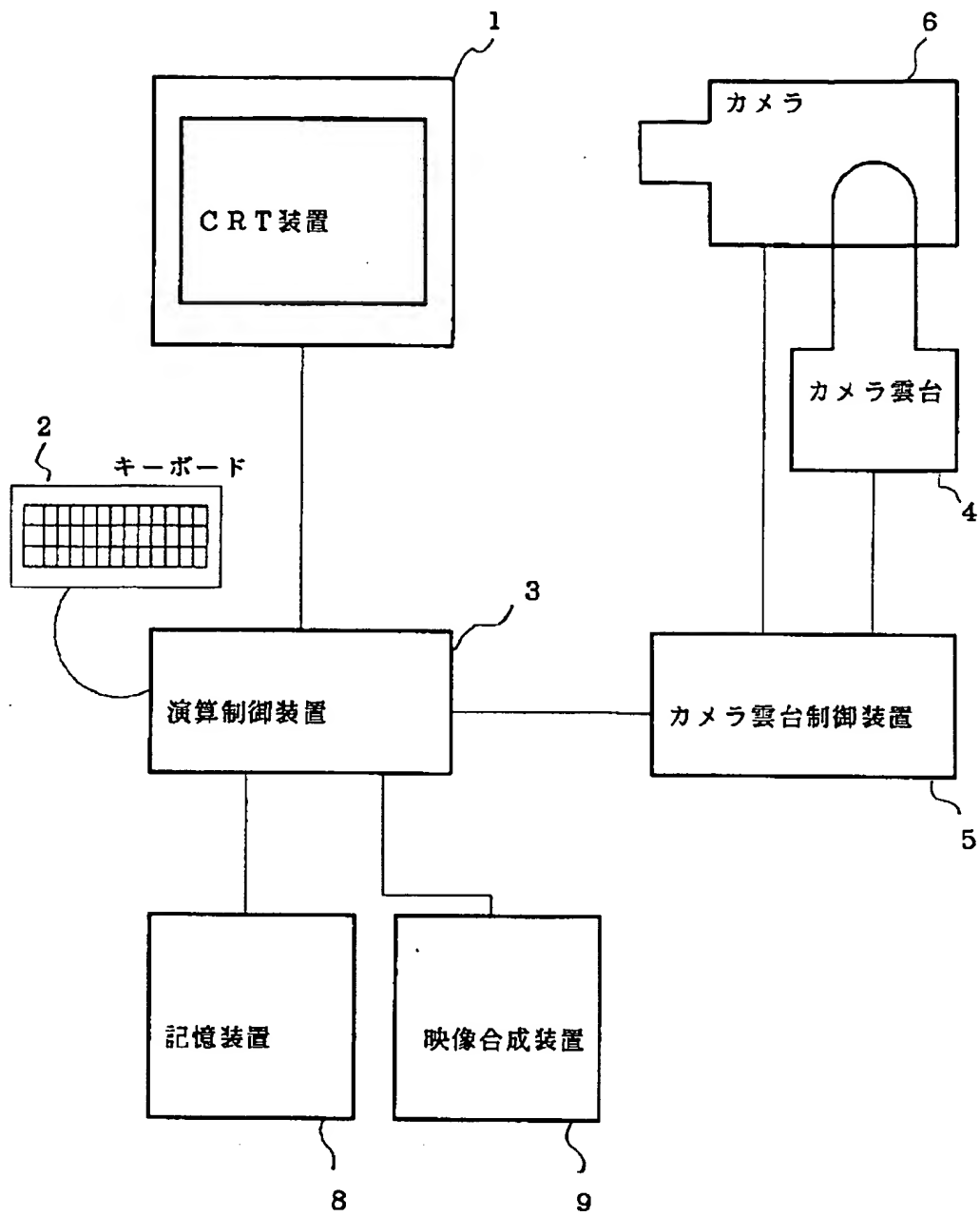
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[Drawing 16]



[Drawing 12]



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